CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Tor Chat
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400812.000
Medium:	Computer Text File
Author:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	29 September 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	29 September 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a chat log record of an online conversation between two adult men. They discuss their sexual preferences relating to young boys, their sexual fantasies involving young boys, and their sexual abuse of young boys. It becomes apparent throughout the conversation that they plan to use "spy cams" to generate child sex abuse material to exchange with each other when they are next in contact with young children.

The publication promotes and supports the sexual exploitation of children. As such it is classified objectionable under s 3(2)(a) of the FVPC Act.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the NZBR Act on the application of the classification criteria. The finding of "objectionable" is a reasonable limitation on freedom of expression. The purpose of the FVPC Act, and s3(2(a)) in particular, is to protect young and vulnerable members of society. The classification of this publication is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable.